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Local Brevities.

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Mrs. McKean will hold a closing-out sale of White Wash Suits at greatly reduced prices all this week, at Woman's Exchange, on Tenth street.

Pacific lodge, Degree of Honor, will give a social dance in A. O. U. W. hall Monday evening. Admission free. A good, social time is assured to all.

Having out-grown their old quarters on Commercial street, Sherman & Thing have moved into more spacious ones in the Flavel block, corner of Tenth and Bond streets.

A large force of men is busily engaged at the Astoria iron works in making new boilers for the government tug Mendell. The boilers will be finished shortly and at once installed in the tug.

Alex Grant yesterday lost a valuable team of horses at his seining grounds. The horses got into soft sand, and, being unable to free themselves, were drowned. Mr. Grant came to the city yesterday afternoon and bought another team.

Rev. Joseph Kashaba will address the people of East Astoria next Sunday morning at the Norwegian-Danish M. E. church, corner of Duane and Thirty-seventh streets, in English. Subject: "Perseia; Its People, Customs, Religion, Etc." All are cordially invited.

Collector of Customs Robb yesterday imposed a fine of \$100 on Captain Larkins of the Kamm line steamer Lurline. A day or two ago an inspector boarded the Lurline and asked that he be shown the steamer's papers. His request was not complied with and the fine was imposed.

Because of the interest that has been evinced in baseball among local fans and the tendency on the part of enthusiasts to back their favorite teams with coin, a poolroom has been opened here. Yesterday the bookmakers were "cracked" pretty hard. Odds of 100 to 55 had been posted on Tacoma, and several fans with the right hunch placed considerable money on the Portland team. The Dugs won out and

the poolroom suffered. Some combination bets were also made, and in every instance the bettors called the turn.

The steamer Major Guy Howard left up the river yesterday for Vancouver, Wash., and will return with 100 soldiers from Fort Stevens and Columbia. The men were sent to the barracks for guard duty when the Vancouver troops were ordered to American lake to take part in the mimic war there.

Do you want to improve your garden? If so, plant the latest improved rose bushes, trees or other ornamental stock, fruit trees, etc. It costs nothing to look them over; all orders promptly delivered free of charge. A. Kallunkis, 615 Commercial street, Astoria agent of the celebrated Continental Nurseries of Rochester, N. Y. Inspection invited.

The Oregon fisheries department has named the following delegates to the State Development League convention: H. G. Van Dusen, S. S. Gordon, Samuel Elmore, Thomas Nelson, Frank R. Stokes, Herman Wise, Astoria; Frank M. Warren, Charles R. Gatchet, P. C. Barnes, Portland; George King, Yaquina; George G. Mayger, Maygers; R. D. Hume, Wedderburn.

The Keane company's presentation of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" packed Fishers' last night with an appreciative audience. Mr. Keane appeared in the title role, and his impersonation of the difficult part elicited warm applause from the audience. Miss Wayne's work was also very clever, and Miss Luce added to her popularity with her pleasing specialty between acts. Tonight the company will present a double bill, "The Droll Mr. Spaulding," a side-splitting three-act farce comedy, and "The Dream Scene of the Bell."

The Commercial Club baseball team will play at Rainier tomorrow. The Commercial Club has a lease on A. F. C. park for the ball season, but the Prides of Astoria were anxious to try conclusions with the Ilwaco team, and Manager Abercrombie determined to give them the field. Rainier had been invited to come here Sunday and play, but when the concession was made to the Prides the up-river manager was notified that if he brought his team the game would be played at an early hour. He was given the alternative of extending an invitation to the clubmen to play at Rainier. Last evening he wired that the clubmen would be made welcome at Rainier, so the game will

take place there. The contest between the Prides and the Ilwaco nine will commence at 2:30.

The United States civil service commission announces an examination on August 17-18-19 for the position of engineer draftsman in the supervising architect's office. A salary of \$1200 a year is attached to the position. An examination will be held August 24 for the position of economic and stratigraphic geologist and paleontologist in the Philippines service, at \$2000 to \$2250 yearly. Information as to these examinations may be secured by application to C. T. Crosby, secretary of the commission at Astoria.

Officer Oberg picked up rather a peculiar old gentleman last night and locked him up at the city jail to keep him out of harm's way. The old gentleman was drunk, and the officer deemed it advisable to prevent him from wandering along the waterfront, where a misstep might send him into the great beyond. On the way to jail the old man related to the officer his criminal experience. He assured Mr. Oberg he had robbed a bank once, but that he had cut out the bank-robbing business and wouldn't do it any more. Apart from this escapade, the offender continued, he had always behaved himself pretty well. At the station he declined to give his name, and was thereupon booked as John Doe.

The reported improvement in the run of salmon yesterday was not borne out by the statements of the packers. A few large individual catches at the canneries and cold storages were just about the same as on the previous day. The largest hauls were made in the lower harbor, but reports from Bakers bay were to the effect that the trappers had fared very poorly. The up-river catches were not any better than for a week past. John Mitchell, who is operating the new Kerage grounds, was in the city during the afternoon. He stated that he had made three hauls and caught five fish, of which three were sent to the cannery and two were eaten by the crew. "If this state of affairs keeps up, we will have to run our seine to get enough fish for our private mess," said Mr. Mitchell. At the Enyart & Cook grounds the catch was about 300 pounds, and at Miller's about 900 pounds. No reports were received from the hogback and Barrel Beacon sands.

Astoria has become quite a driving center and the city now sports some very handsome rigs. Charles V. Brown recently purchased a horse at Salem that is regarded by horsemen as the best piece of horseflesh in the city, and capable of showing his heels to any of the local trotters. Will Talant has perhaps the prettiest, as well as one of the fastest, light road teams in Astoria. Hiram Leinenweber is driving a horse that goes along pretty close to 2:40, and B. A. Elgner's favorite animal is about in the same class. W. R. Hume, judge of John Day precinct, sits behind a Del Norte colt that is greatly admired, while Herman F. Pral drives one of the finest teams in Oregon. Henry Sherman owns the crack rig. K. Osburn drives a very fine horse, and S. S. Gordon's riding horse has no equal in this section of the state. The extension of the roads leading out of the city will add to the number of fine teams and give Astorians an opportunity to follow what seems to be a very popular form of amusement.

Charles Halderman, secretary of the regatta committee, left last night for Portland, and before he returns to Astoria he will have arranged for the street carnival and many other events of importance. The Southern Carnival Company's manager is now in the metropolis, and Mr. Halderman is to hold a conference with him. The Southern Carnival is said to be one of the finest shows of the kind in the west, and if satisfactory arrangements can be made the attraction will be brought here. Mr. Halderman will also call on Jacob Kamm and determine whether or not Mr. Kamm is ready now to hang up the trophy which he once promised for the regatta. The Victoria, Vancouver and Portland oarsmen are now engaged in a regatta at Portland, and from them Mr. Halderman will learn the number of men who may be expected at the Astoria regatta. Transportation for the men will be secured at Portland. The owners of the Portland launches will also be consulted. They have promised to enter their boats in the races here, and it is the wish of the regatta committee that the larger of the launches tow the sloops down to Astoria. Both Chairman McBride and Secretary Halderman will attend a social to be held at the Oregon Yacht Club's rooms this evening and tell the yachtsmen more about the regatta than they have thus far learned.

According to the opinion expressed

by several prominent democrats of Astoria, W. J. Bryan's scheme for reformation of the party is the preliminary step toward the organization of an entirely new party in the west. These democrats say that eastern and western democrats are vastly different; that the westerners, who are much more aggressive, more nearly represent the old-time democratic ideas. They feel that a new party should be organized in the west, and believe that, if it is carefully and properly launched, it will meet with success. The name "democratic" would, these men say, still be used by the southern democrats and those of the eastern and northern states, and they believe, further, that the proposed new western party would act in co-operation with the democrats if it is successful enough to gain representation in congress. Just what sort of arrangement will be entered into between the new party and the old when presidential elections are held does not appear from statements made here. The idea advanced by the local reformers is that a more radical party would meet with success in the west, whereas, it could not be successful in the east. They point out that the new party idea has grown with every attempt along this line, the populist party, for instance, having been stronger than the farmers' alliance. They attribute the death of the new parties to the fact that they were not properly launched, and express the belief that when the time comes—perhaps four years hence—the right men will organize the new party and see that it is started off properly. This idea was expressed by several prominent democrats of Astoria some days before Mr. Bryan's announcement was made, and is interesting as showing that a political revolution is probable within the democracy.

Fish Commissioner Kershaw of Washington is advocating extension of the fishing season, according to a dispatch from Olympia. The fish commissioner says that the season on the Columbia now closes too early to enable the canners to put up a pack consistent with the number of fish that are in the river. The big runs have commenced later and later each year recently. Last year the big run began about the first of August and gave the fishermen more than they could handle. But the season closed on the 15th and the pack was, therefore, not so large as the run would justify. Mr. Kershaw attributes the late runs to the hatcheries. It is the hatchery fish that comprise the late runs, and the influence of the hatcheries on the runs is being felt to a greater degree each succeeding year. As the best fishing season is now later in the year than at the time the law was framed, Mr. Kershaw is advocating a change that will open the season later and close it later in the year. This proposal has frequently been advanced heretofore, but it does not meet the approval of many of the packers. Cannermen claim that fish taken after August 15 are so far below the standard in quality that to pack them will merely hurt the pack of earlier fish. They insist that the season be closed promptly on the 15th. One of the biggest packers on the Columbia said yesterday that fish taken after August 15 would be worth not more than 1 cent a pound—a price that would result in an immediate cessation of fishing operations.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Senator Mitchell has returned from the east.
J. W. Seaborg came down from Bay View last evening.
United States Senator Fulton went to Portland last night.
Senator and Mrs. Megler were in the city yesterday from Brookfield.
W. N. Smith returned last night from a business trip to Seattle and Tacoma.
Mayor Seufert of The Dalles returned home last night after a short stay in Astoria.
August Frike is reported to be suffering from an attack of appendicitis, and is said to be quite ill.
J. H. G. West left last night for Portland, where he will meet his mother, who is coming out from Salt Lake to spend a few weeks at the beach.
Charles Wise, Lee Herring, Fred Munson and several other Astorians left last night for Vancouver, Wash., to make final proof in support of their timber claims on the north shore of the river.
Miss Irena Parker, who has been leading violinist of Professor Weber's orchestra, has returned home for a vacation and a much-needed rest, accompanied by her aged grandfather, Owen Carr.

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